No report from Government of Bihar has been received mentioning non-availability of sufficient water in the Ganga river to support the ILR Scheme.

Bangalore International Airport Project

*20. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CNS agreement between the Bangalore International Airport Limited and Airports Authority of India has been entered into;

(b) if so, when it was entered into;

(c) the present status of the proposed Bangalore International Airport Project near Devanahalli;

(d) the quantum of amount, if any, released by Government during 2004-05 as Central share for the above project; and

(e) by when, the work of the proposed airport will start and by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) Agreement between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Bangalore International Airports Limited (BIAL) has been approved by AAI Board on 10.02.2005. The Agreement is yet to be executed between AAI & BIAL.

(c) Greenfield airport at Devanahalli near Bangalore is being implemented on a Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis with Public Private Participation. Government of Karnataka (GOK) and AAI together hold 26% equity and the strategic joint venture partners hold the balance 74%. AAI's investment in the equity is capped at Rs. 50 crores. A Consortium led by Siemens, Germany with Unique Zurich, Switzerland and Larsen & Toubro India Limited as other members has been chosen as the strategic Joint Venture Partner. The Shareholders Agreement, the Concession Agreement, the State Support Agreement and the Land Lease Agreement have been executed. Other Agreements such as The Communication Navigation Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) Agreement by AAI, Operation & Maintenance Services Agreement, and Financing Agreements by BIAL etc., are yet to be executed.

(d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) are contributing to equity of the